

NOTICE OF GRANT AVAILABILITY

NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:

New Jersey Commission on Spinal Cord Research
Individual Research Grant

GRANT PROGRAM NO. 05-SCR-1**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

NJCSCR Fund Chapter 201 P.L. 1999 NJSA 52:9E-1

TYPE OF AWARDS TO BE ISSUED:

Cost-reimbursement Grants

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS WILL BE USED:

The NJCSCR will fund research activities that hold promise of developing effective interventions and cures for paralysis and other consequences of spinal cord injury and disease. All qualifying institutions in the State of New Jersey may apply. The goals of this program are (1) to encourage promising postdoctoral fellows and young investigators to undertake research on spinal cord regeneration, recovery and rehabilitation; (2) to encourage scientists who are well-established in other areas to transfer their efforts to spinal cord research; and (3) enable researchers with novel scientific and clinical ideas to test them and develop pilot data needed to seek larger awards from the National Institutes of Health, and other funding sources.

AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE GRANT PROGRAM:

Applicants are encouraged to apply for a one-year or two-year award. Maximum funding is up to \$200,000 per year including direct and indirect costs, (10% maximum for the latter). Two-year awards are made through one-year contracts. Each funding award within the two-year period will be contingent upon the availability of funds. Second-year support for all Individual Research grants is contingent upon submission of a Grant Continuation Application. The Grant Continuation Application must be favorably reviewed by an independent scientific merit review panel and recommended to the NJCSCR for continued funding. An Evaluation Form must be submitted to the NJCSCR office each year for two years following termination of an Individual Research grant. Awards will begin on or about December 15, 2004. The NJCSCR reserves the right to distribute funds among the grants in this program 05-SCR-1 as well as among the NJCSCR's other grant programs 05-SCR-3, 05-SCR-4, 05-SCR-5. The NJCSCR reserves the right not to fund any grants in this program 04-SCR-1 to the maximum amount, or not to fund any grant in this program at all. Grant awards to all four programs (05-SCR-1, 05-SCR-3, 05-SCR-4, 05-SCR-5) will not exceed \$4,000,000.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Terms and Conditions for the Administration of Grants.
2. General and specific Grant Compliance requirements issued by the Granting Agency.
3. Applicable Federal Cost Principles relating to the Applicant.

GROUP OR ENTITIES WHICH MAY APPLY FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM:

All qualifying institutions in the State of New Jersey may apply for Individual Research grants under this program. A qualifying research institution is defined as any academic institution, research organization, public or private institution or other entity, located in the State of New Jersey, with a demonstrated capability to conduct grant funded research, and specifically approved by the vote of the Commission, but in no case can an individual be a qualifying research institution.

QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED BY APPLICANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A GRANT:

Principal investigators must be affiliated with a New Jersey State academic institution, research organization, public or private agency or other entity with demonstrated capability to conduct research responsibly. Senior scientists, young investigators, and postdoctoral fellows may serve as principal investigator. If the applicant is a fellow, s/he must submit a letter of support from the laboratory's senior scientist, as well as two other appropriate letters of reference. Unaffiliated individuals will not be funded. Individuals of any nationality or citizenship status may apply, provided they are employed by or affiliated with a qualified New Jersey State organization/institution.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Applications and NJCSCR Research Guidelines governing grants are available from the NJCSCR office, or can be downloaded from the website at www.state.nj.us/health/spinalcord/. Review and the awarding of grants will occur once a year.